found in Godavari Basin at various places in Khammam, Warangal, Adilabad and Karimnagar Districts. Reserves are estimated at 13856 million tonnes. Natural Gas is found in off and on-shore areas of Krishna and Godavari Basins. A limited quanity of Iron Ore is found as discontinuous patches in the Districts of Krishna and Khammam.

(c) Under the extant industrial policy regime, entrepreneurs are free to set up sponge iron plants any where in the country based on their commercial judgement. No prior permission of the Government is required to set up such plants. No specific steps and incentives are under consideration of the Central Government to encourage sponge iron industry in Andhra Pradesh.

Representations Regarding Plants for 'Dispersed Tribals'

1550. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether specific representations have been received from social activists and other's that plans be devised for "Dispersed Tribals";

(b) if so, the details of such representations;

(c) whether any team has been sent to study such demands;

(d) what steps will be taken to test new policies and strategies to reach dispersed tribals; and

(e) the full details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) and (b) A representation addressed to Planning Commission has been received from Dr. P. Pulla Rao, wherein he has alleged that benefits of development have not reached the hill tribals in remote areas and dispersed tribals particularly of West Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh.

(c) No, Sir. However, a report has been called from the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

(d) and (e) The strategy of Tribal Sub Plan has already been extended to dispersed tribals with effect from Seventh Five Year Plan. Further dispersed tribals are eligible to take benefits of various Central and Centrally sponsored schemes funded by this Ministry and implemented through States and UTs. The State Governments and Union Territory Administrations are periodically requested to create awareness among tribals about various development programmes/schemes and ensure that benefits the target group.